



ATTENTION: BOX AFTER FINAL **RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED EXAMINING GROUP 3677** 

> **PATENT** Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 5711.0122

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)
Ryoichiro UEHARA et al.	) Group Art Unit: 3677
Application No.: 09/963,577	) Examiner: J. R. Brittain
Filed: September 27, 2001	
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**BOX AF** Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In reply to the Final Office Action of November 1, 2002, the period for reply having been extended for two (2) months by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee filed herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 9 and amend claim 1 as follows:

A buckle comprising: 1.

a female body formed with a flat housing and a male body having flexible insertion legs which are engaged with each other by insertion, each of the female body

Contract

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